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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3521

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AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 4002

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN AMMUNITION SALE

REF: STATE 213943

1. SINGAPORE DOES HAVE AMMUNITION PRODUCTION FACILITIES LOCATED WITH THEIR CHARTED INDUSTRIES COLT CO-PRODUCTION FACILITY FOR M-16 RIFLES. DAO OFFICERS HAVE VISITED THE PLANT AND OBSERVED PRODUCTION OF 5.56 AND 7.62 BALL AMMUNITIONS. THE PROCESS BEGINS IN THE FOUNDRY WITH COPPER AND LEAD INGOTS PRODUCING EXTRUDED RODS AND THE PLANT DOES STAMPING AND SHAPING OF SHELL CASINGS AND PRODUCTION OF COPPER SHEATHED LEAD BULLETS. THE POWDER AND PRIMERS ARE PURCHASED COMMERCIALLY IN BULK. FINAL ASSEMBLY INSPECTION, TESTING AND PACKING OF THE AMMUNITION IS DONE IN THIS PLANT.

2. EMBASSY DOES NOT POSSESS RECORDS OF SALE OF TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGE; HOWEVER IS WELL AWARE OF THE PRODUCTION FACILITY. DAO OFFICERS BELIEVE SALES OF COMPLETE AMMUNITION TO THIRD COUNTRIES HAS OCCURRED ROUTINELY IN THE PAST AND IS AWARE OF RECENT DELIVERY TO PHILIPPINES.

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3. SINCE AUSTRALIA COULD PROCURE PRIMERS AND POWDER

IN BULK FROM OTHER SOURCES, THE SINGAPORE FURNISHED
COMPONENTS COULD WELL BE PROJECTILES AND CASINGS.
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